

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Trinh et al.**

Appl. No.: **09/306,986**

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For: **A Method for Synthesizing a Nucleic
Acid Molecule Using a Ribonuclease**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants hereby submit the following response to the Final Office Action for the above-referenced application, dated November 2, 2009 ("Action"). Reconsideration of the specification and pending claims is respectfully requested.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE-Form PTO/SB/30EFS) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Therefore, it is believed that consideration of these Amendments and Remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filled prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit.

Accompanying this Request For Continued Examination is the necessary fee under § 1.17(e) of \$790.00. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if additional fees are due for net addition of claims, or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby

petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.